

Lately, a bronze statue of Bjornstjerne Bjornson and one of Ibsen, which stand before the national theater in Christiania, have aroused a deal of discussion. On Bjornson's return to the theater, after an absence of thirty years, to direct the rehearsals of his play, "Ueber die Kraft," he wrote demanding the removal of his statue, as he deems it a "permanent slander." Ibsen, in answer to an inquiry as to his view, said that he had never seen the statue of himself. It is now proposed to remove both the figures and recast them in some less objectionable form.

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#### Sheep for Breeding.

At the request of Secretary Coburn of the Kansas board of agriculture, John A. Craig, professor of animal husbandry of the Iowa Agricultural College, delivered an address before the board's recent annual meeting on "Sheep: Good and Bad." Among other interesting things contained therein he outlines the points that should be found in animals which are to be used especially for breeding purposes, and also the condition they should be in. As Prof. Craig is a recognized authority on all matters pertaining to sheep, the following may be profitably read and considered by all identified with this industry:

The ram should show masculinity in many features. In those breeds that have horns, the latter should spring strong from the head and turn clear from the face. In all rams the face should be broad between the eyes, somewhat short, and with a Roman nose. The crest, or scrag, should be thick and rising, and the neck full. A point deserving emphasis is the depth of the chest. The body should sink deep between the forelegs, and the ribs back of the shoulder should be deep and round, making the girth large and the brisket prominent and wide—two features that are indicative of a strong constitution. A live fleece, that is, one that is springy and not dead to the touch, and especially a dense, thick covering of belly wool, is also indicative of vigor or constitution. For the same reason, in those breeds that are woolled about the head, the more complete and dense this covering is the better it is liked. The legs of the ram should be straight and strong, and short. In movement, the ram should be bold and active. This is often influenced by the condition. A ram should never be so heavy in flesh as to be useless for service, as is too often the case in the show ring. The flesh should be even and firm, and not gathered in masses or rolls at any part of the body. It is very apt to gather at the fore flank, leaving the back bare or raw. Excessive condition is likely to make the ram unwieldy in action, or result in broken down pasterns, which usually render a ram useless for breeding purposes.

The ewe should be rather long in the face, with fine features. The neck should be slender and without any of the thickness noticeable in the ram. The body should be deep, round-rumped, and especially long, so as to provide room for the growing lamb. The type of the good milking ewe verges strongly toward that which is typical of the good dairy cow. The ewe that milks well, and consequently rears early-maturing lambs, tends toward the wedge shape, deep in the chest, large bodied, and wide across the loins and hips. The condition of the ewe should not be such as to impair her breeding qualities. Excessive fatness, as a rule, is in this way injurious. The flesh should be evenly distributed and not gathered in bunches about the tail-head, and it should be firm and not flabby.

As a result of our consideration of the good and bad qualities of sheep, there arises the more important problem of breeding to reproduce the former and to remove the latter. I have failed to find, up to this day, where success has been obtained by in-and-in breeding, cross-breeding, or any other form, but that there was a man behind the system who knew well the merits and demerits of the animals he was breeding. And further, knowing these, he made his selection to get the best blend. This is the basis of a method of breeding that arises from what has gone before. For want of a better term, I have named it "balanced breeding," and I believe that this method has the means of developing and adding to the good qualities and at the same time lessening and removing the demerits of our domestic animals.

To follow balanced breeding in sheep would mean the selection of rams with the leading thought of removing the weakness of the flock. When one realizes the force of balanced breeding and acts on it in the selection of sires, it is wonderful what strides may be made toward perfection in a few years. With this sire we correct a deficiency of the fleece, and yet retain the good qualities of form; with another, we add a little more bone; another deepens the flesh on the valuable parts, and so on, each marking a new advance; while closer discrimination and riper judgment keep disclosing new features to be attained in each additional effort.

#### Dairy Notes.

Winter is the time when we hear most about difficulties with the cream to be churned. Sometimes it takes two hours to come and sometimes it will not come at all. The cause is generally one of two things: either the cream has not reached the proper state of acidity or the temperature is not right. Cream should be properly ripened before being churned. The putting in of fresh cream just before beginning to churn means loss to the dairyman and probably trouble in getting the butter to come. The temperature is a great thing. A thermometer should be in use in every household where churning is done and the cream raised to say 58 degrees before churning is begun. In ripening the cream the temperature should be kept at about 65 degrees or higher, to allow the ferments to work.  
The New Zealand farmers are be-

ginning to experiment with round silos, which they denominate the "Yankee round silos." One of them built one last year, intending to fill it with Indian corn, but had to be satisfied with filling it with oats and tares. It made good silage, but he reports that the cows ate it greedily. It is expected that many more of these silos will be constructed. The stave silo is, we believe, bound to supplant all other kinds. It is especially adapted to localities where the farmers are in straitened circumstances but are inclined to experiment with the silo. The great cost of constructing some of the square silos makes it difficult to introduce them into new localities. The round silo will prove to be a pioneer in many parts of the world as well as in a few sections of our own country.

We have before referred to the attempt to be made by buttermakers to get a tax of 10 cents per pound put on oleomargarine colored to represent butter. This seems a just thing to do, as it leaves under the two cent rate all oleomargarine not colored to imitate butter. It is the fact of imitation that must be fought and not the fact of the making and selling of a substitute for butter. Rye and barley are used as substitutes for wheat, and we would not think of making a law to prevent their use as a substitute. It is the deception that is harmful and not the thing, provided the thing is healthful. But now there is a movement on foot among certain dairymen to change the issue. At one or two national meetings of associations that represent more or less the dairy interest, the words "colored to imitate butter" were stricken out, and resolutions passed asking congress to pass a law putting a tax of 10 cents per pound on all oleomargarine. To us this seems a very unwise thing to do. People have a right to purchase oleomargarine if they want it. Some may want to use it for wagon grease. If the National Dairy Union insists in fighting along this line, it is about certain it will fail in obtaining the legislation demanded. Not only will the city people be against them, almost solidly, but a very large proportion of the country people have so much regard for justice that they will not endorse the fight. Besides, the National Dairy Union has raised money for carrying on the fight against colored oleomargarine. Have they a right to divert the money to fighting uncolored oleomargarine?

A discussion has been started by a hotel paper on the use of cheese as a diet. It lays the blame on the cheese-makers because the latter do not make cheese that is fit to eat and that is put on the market in a green state. A dairy paper replies that the grocers are as much to blame as the makers, that they do not show enterprise enough to build a curing room and buy up good green cheese and cure it for sale. It appears to us that it is entirely out of the question for the grocers to do this. The writer in the dairy paper quoted knows that the matter of curing rooms is a large one, that it requires a good deal of knowledge along dairy lines for a man to fully appreciate the value of the little things entering into the curing of cheese. If our cheese-makers find it difficult to make proper curing arrangements, what are we to expect of the city grocer? Besides, if the grocer should construct curing rooms he would be never sure that he could get cheese that would cure into first-class salable cheese, for he would be powerless to control the details of making. This question of selling green cheese is discussed at about every cheesemakers' convention we attend. The makers justify their selling of cheese uncured by saying that the grocers demand it, for they know that they can sell that kind of cheese without loss. Most of the cheese that is ripened and put on the market is so sharp that the public will not buy it, and a well-ripened cheese is in the minds of most people a sharp cheese. Our makers do not seem to have learned yet the secret of putting on the market a well-ripened mild cheese. Of course some of our cheesemakers do make such cheese, but we refer to the general mass of cheesemakers. Certainly the sale of cheese is greatly curtailed by the fact that most of the cheese on the market cannot be eaten except at a risk of disarranging the whole digestive system of the eaters. How the difficulty is to be overcome is a problem for the cheesemakers' conventions to solve.

There is a report in circulation of a movement on foot to introduce hog raising on a large scale into Siberia. There is no doubt that the industry is already established there, but it seems hardly believable that it can ever assume such proportions that it will menace the position in the foreign market of our own pork products. According to the rumors mentioned, a great European syndicate is being organized with a capital of \$50,000,000. The intention is not only to raise hogs in Siberia but to provide transportation for them to the German and English markets, from which they are supposed to drive out the American pork products. It will probably be found on investigation that the alleged syndicate is a long way from controlling \$50,000,000 of capital or any other amount.

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